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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:  
ROHIT DUGGAL, ET AL.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject application, please amend the application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_ of this paper and include both an  
attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.
- ☐ **Remarks** begin on page \_\_\_\_ of this paper.